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[REDACTED] the text of a message with Congressman Hillings and his Subcommittee on its forthcoming trip to that area. A [REDACTED] I have informed Cong. Hillings, who indicates that he may now make the trip alone with a staff man. In connection with a briefing of Cong. Hillings (which has been approved by Mr. Kirkpatrick), he would like such a briefing to be largely restricted to the political situation in Central and South America, with particular emphasis on the Communist conspiracy and penetration of the various governments. The countries in which he expressed a particular interest outside of Guatemala were Costa Rica, Panama, Chile, Brazil, British Guiana. The Congressman would like the briefing on Monday morning, 30 August.

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2. [REDACTED] and I called on Cong. Kersten in furtherance of [REDACTED] instructions from Mr. Wisner to keep the Congressman informed of the situation in Guatemala. [REDACTED] acquainted him with additional documentary material which we are getting, and promised to send him copies through this Office as the material becomes available.

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3. I reviewed with [REDACTED] the current status of arrangements for surfacing [REDACTED] as set forth in para. 3 of the Journal of 24 August. It was the General's feeling that operationally considerable impact might be lost by surfacing as late as 20 September and that in his opinion Mr. Wisner might wish to turn to other media than the Jenner Committee if appropriate arrangements could not be made. It was agreed that I should explore the possibility of using another Senator with the Jenner Committee on a time schedule which would call for a release of the State Department notes to [REDACTED] on 8 Sept., with Executive sessions to start on that date and open sessions on 13 Sept. We explored the problem of press coverage if the hearings were concurrent with the McCarthy censure hearings. [REDACTED] had asked me to re-explore the entire problem with Committee Counsel Carpenter at the earliest possible time. I urged [REDACTED] to have the appropriate case officer start preparing material on the [REDACTED] so that we might forward it to the Committee when desired.

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